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REMARKS

The foregoing Amendment and the following Remarks are being submitted in response to the Restriction Requirement dated April 26, 2004 (Paper No. 10), in connection with the above captioned patent application, and are being filed within the one-month shortened statutory period set for a response to the Restriction Requirement.

Claims 130-133 are pending in the application. Claims 106-129 and 134-157 have been canceled. Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter has been added to the application by the Amendment.

The Examiner has set forth a Restriction Requirement with regard to claims 106-157 with regard to two identified species: Specie I, including claims 106-129 and 134-157, and Specie II, including claims 130-133. Applicants hereby elect Specie II for continued prosecution at this time, including claims 130-133, without prejudice to the filing of one or more divisional applications to further prosecute claims 106-129 and 134-157.

Further, based on the Examiner's previous statements of allowability with regard to claims 130-133, Applicants have canceled all other claims including claims 106-157. Thus, Applicants respectfully request a Notice of Allowability with regard to claims 130-133.

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